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For: TIME DRIVEN WAVELENGTH
CONVERSION-BASED SWITCHING
WITH COMMON TIME REFERENCE

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Applicants hereby submit this Amendment A responsive to the non-final Office Action—
Date Mailed: September 9, 2005, Paper No. 10, for which a response is due December 9, 2005
by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three [3] months from the mailing date of
the Office Action.

Claims 1-65 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 7, 8, 13-17, 21, 26-50, 53-58 and
61-65 are withdrawn with traverse from consideration as non-elected claims. Claims 1, 3 and 51
are currently amended. Claims 2, 10, 12, 18, 20, 24, 25 and 52 are original. Claims 5, 9, 11, 19,
23, 51, 59 and 60 were previously presented. Claims 6 and 22 are hereby canceled without
prejudice. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that by this Amendment A, any and all objections and
rejections are hereby traversed and overcome, and the application is in proper form for
allowance. A Notice of Allowance or Allowability is respectfully requested.

The Director has been previously authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any
overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account
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